their telephones remained dead or inoperative; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action is being taken to help the subscribers in order to improve the working of telephones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The required information is given below:

Sl. No.	Telephone No.	Date of Installation
1	453086	December 1985
2	455061	December 1985
3	454026	Do.
4	451581	Do.
5	457786	February 1986
6	455598	December 1980
7	427747	Do.
8	487628	Do.
9	487718	Do.
10	427569	Do.
11	427792	Do.
12	427534	Do.
13	427761	Do.
14	427805	January 1986

(c) and (d). Faults of different types occurred on the above mentioned telephones which were rectified. The following steps are being taken to improve the working of telephones in Calcutta.

(i) Replacement of life-expired and worn out telephone exchanges and provision of adequate spares for maintenance of serviceable equipment.

(ii) Improvement and expansion of inter-exchange junction network with provision of cable PCM and microwave systems.

(iii) Rehabilitation of the external plant which is the weakest link of the system.

(iv) Increasing the capacities of electronic trunk automatic exchanges and phasing out the Pentaconta crossbar trunk automatic exchange equipment which is responsible for large scale failure of STD calls.

(v) Increasing the capacities of inter-metro transmission media and provision of adequate channelling equipment.

(vi) Computerisation of some of the important auto-manual services like directory enquiry and trunk booking enquiry.

Telephones in rural Areas

101. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of telephone connections given in urban areas

and rural areas respectively in different parts of the country, State-wise;

(b) how many villages in the country have the telephone connections; and

(c) by when all the rural post offices are proposed to be connected telephone service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The details of telephone connection in urban areas and rural areas in the country is given in the attached statement.

(b) 30,810 villages are having the Telephone connections in the country.

(c) There is no proposal to provide Telephone service in all the rural post offices.

Statement

Details of Telephone Connections State-wise as on 31-3-86

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Telephone Working Connections Urban	Rural
1	Andhra Pradesh	140861	54988
2	Bihar	52953	13782
3	Gujarat	215690	42734
4	Jammu and Kashmir	13079	4659
5	Karnataka	150267	28622
6	Kerala	95025	43462
7	Madhya Pradesh	88703	6787
8	Maharashtra	231853	35414
9	North Eastern Region	34511	7767
10	North Western Region	164968	14902
11	Orissa	22539	12348
12	Rajasthan	83766	10555
13	Tamil Nadu	204193	71738
14	Uttar Pradesh	152210	32906
15	West Bengal	227178	12514
16	Delhi	269512	2205

Rural Post Offices

102. SHRI VITHALRAO MALHAVRAO JADHAV:

(SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many villages in the country are having postal services;

(b) how many post offices of rural areas are having the telegrams and telephone services; and

(c) what is the ratio of urban post offices and rural post offices which have been equiped by telegrams and telephone facilities in the different States of the country?